Varsity Raiders win three close contests

Coach Howard Clabough's Raider varsity baseball team won three heart-stoppers last week to lift their record to 8-2, and place the local high school team firmly in first place in the Seminole District.

In a game played in winter-like conditions Tuesday night, the Raiders defeated Altavista 5-4 in a game that went an extra inning.

Altavista jumped to a 3-0 lead in the first inning, but the Raiders came back in the second inning to score two runs on a Greg Mayberry home run, and base hits by Tim Bennett and Alan Edmonds, which drove Paul Johnson across the plate.

The Raiders tied the score at 3-3 in the third inning after Mayberry walked, stole second, advanced to third base on a pass ball, and crossed the plate on Paul Johnson's ground to short stop.

Altavista went back out in front in the fourth inning, scoring one run on an error and a sacrifice fly.

The Raiders tied the score in the sixth inning when Tim Bennett walked, Edmonds singled, Jody Williams hit a fly ball to center and Rodney Bryant was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Gary Ferguson then walked, giving Tim Bennett a free pass across home plate.

In the top of the eighth inning, the Raiders scored their final run of the game, when Edmonds got to first base on a fielder's choice, and Williams hit a single advancing Edmonds to third base. Bryant then hit a sacrifice fly, scoring Edmonds. Altavista was unable to score in their half of the inning.

Leading hitters against Altavista were Edmonds (two for four) Bryant (one for three), Mayberry (one for three, one homer), Kevin Ferguson (one for three), Bennett (one for two) and Jody Williams (one for four).

The Raiders knocked Liberty out of the first place in the Seminole District in a come-from-behind effort Wednesday at Appomattox.

The Raiders took the lead 1-0 in the second inning, when Alan Edmonds hit a home run. In the fourth inning, Liberty took the lead with a two-run homer. The Raiders came back with four runs in the fifth inning on base hits by Bryant, Gary Ferguson, Mike Jackson, and doubles by Mayberry and Alan Edmonds. The Raiders held a 5-2 advantage.

Liberty got two of those runs back in the sixth inning on a two-run home run. Then in the top of the seventh, Liberty scored three runs to regain the lead, 7-5.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Bennett led off with a hit, Edmonds was hit by a pitch,Paul Johnson got a hit, Mike Jackson singled, then Edmonds was thrown out at the plate.

The next batter,Kevin Ferguson, walked to load the bases. Then Rodney Bryant stepped to the plate and lifted the first pitch over the fence for a grand-slam home run and the winning runs.

Mayberry recorded the win in relief of starting pitcher, Tim Bennett. Leading hitters for the Raiders were Bryant (three for five, grand slam homer), Mayberry (two for four), Edmonds (two for three, home run), Paul Johnson (three for four) and Mike Jackson (two for three). The Raiders tallied 14 hits against Liberty.

Friday's game with Rustburg was one of few hits and strong pitching. The Raiders scored twice in the fourth, when Mayberry drove in Rodney Bryant with a triple, and then scored himself on a single by Paul Johnson. Rustburg's only run came in their half of the fourth, on two walks and a single. Kevin Mitchell was credited with the win, and he received relief help from Mayberry. Leading hitters were Mayberry (two for three, triple), Bryant (for three) and Kevin Ferguson (one for three, double).

The Raiders were scheduled to play Nelson County Tuesday, and Brookville Wednesday at Brookville. Friday, the team plays Jefferson Forest at home in a double-header. The first game starts at 2 p.m.

BILL BRITTON OF APPOMATTOX is shown with his black Labrador Retriever, "Willie," a ten-month-old pup which has done well in recent field trials. The dog won the Senior Puppy category of the 1983 Aylett Ducks Unlimited Gun Dog Trials Saturday. A week earlier, he won the large trophy shown here in the William Pugh Chapter of Ducks Unlimited's gun dog trials, Senior Puppy Division, in Lynchburg. He had a perfect score in the Lynchburg competition, and was high scorer in the Aylett competition. More than 50 animals from various states competed in both events.

Girls win three

Raiderettes are hot

Three consecutive victories last week left the Raiderette softball team with a 6-2 record heading into the final portion of the 1983 softball season.

Tuesday's 6-5 victory over Altavista was a marathon come-from-behind effort which took 12 innings to resolve.

Behind 3-2 in the seventh inning, the Raiderettes tied the score when Robin Paulette drove in Cindy Covington. Altavista scored twice in the ninth inning off a double by pitcher Beth Mattox. The Raiderettes came back in their half of the ninth to tie the score with two outs. Marsha Cheatham drove in both runs with a triple. The Raiderettes left runners on base in both the tenth and eleventh innings.

Vivian Seay drove in the winning run in the bottom of the 12th inning with a single up the middle. The Raiderette defense had turned in an "exceptional" performance, according to Coach Mary Tolley, in preventing further scoring by the potent Altavista offense.

"Both teams played exceptionally well, particularly considering the poor weather conditions," Tolley commented. "It was the type of game which you hate to see anyone lose, but it was a good win for us."

Against Liberty on Wednesday, the Raiderettes scored nine runs in the first two innings and were never threatened thereafter. The team scored 15 runs off of 11 hits, 13 walks and seven stolen bases. Cindy Covington recorded the win, allowing five runs off eight hits and four walks. Tolley commended Covington for her stamina as a pitcher, noting that she pitched 19 innings in two days in very cool weather.

Leading batters against Liberty were Kim Hancock (double, homer, three RBIs, two runs), Janet Thomas (double, single, 3 RBIs, two runs), Diane Jones (two singles, 3 RBIs, one run), Shelia Mullins (two singles, two RBIs, two runs), Marsha Cheatham (one hit, three runs, two walks), Robin Paulette (three walks, three runs, one RBI), Vivian Seay (one hit, one run, two walks), and Virginia Marshall (one hit, two RBIs, one run, two walks).

Friday's 13-1 win over Rustburg saw the Raiderettes combine eight hits, seven walks and 11 stolen bases to capture their sixth win of the season.

The Raiderettes scored twice in the first inning and five more runs in the third, and were never threatened in the game. Rustburg's lone run came in the seventh inning.

Hancock, Marsha Cheatham, Thomas and Jones all had two RBIs, and Jones and Hancock each hit triples during the game. Thomas contributed a double to the Raiderette effort, as well.

Robin Paulette had two stolen bases, Hancock had three, Thomas had two, and Vivian Seay had two against Rustburg.

The Raiderettes were scheduled to play a make-up game Monday agianst Gretna, and Tuesday, the team was scheduled to play Nelson at Nelson. Tomorrow (Friday) the team will play a doubleheader at Jefferson Forest.

In baseball

Jayvees lose two games

The Raider junior varsity baseball team lost two games last week, bringing their record to six wins, five losses.

The hard-hitting Minutemen of Liberty pounded Raider pitching for 26 hits in a 31-2 rout last Wednesday. The Raiders, who defeated Liberty 12-6 earlier in the season, were soundly outplayed on this day, using four different pitchers in a vain attempt to stifle the Liberty attack.

Offensively, the Raiders tallied six hits, with Russell Walton, Lonny Hamlett, Barry Phelps, Kevin Kendrick, Andre McCoy and Mike Ferguson each getting a hit. Walton scored onHamlett's double. Hamlett then scored on a throwing error.

Saturday, the Raiders fell to Rustburg in a well-played game, 3-2.

Tim Austin pitched an excellent game, allowing six hits while striking out eight and only walking two. Four of the hits came in the final inning, which allowed Rustburg to score their three runs.

Kevin Kendrick's two hits and Mike Ferguson's single were the only offense by Appomattox. Rustburg's pitcher struck out 12 in a fine effort.

The jayvee team has seven games remaining in the season, with four of those at home next week. The Raiders play Gretna May 3 (game time 4 p.m.), they play Prince Edward May 5 (game time 4:30), and they play Buckingham May 6 in a doubleheader, with the first game starting at 3 p.m.

Girls' tennis

Raiderettes win two

The Raiderette tennis team split matches last week, defeating Liberty and Rustburg, and falling to Brookville and Altavista.

Tuesday's 5-4 loss to Altavista came on a day more suited for football than tennis. Anne Caldwell and Laurie Cowan did win their singles matches for the Raiderettes, and the doubles teams of Anne Caldwell and Michelle Ford and Laurie Cowan and Susan Booker were victorious for Appomattox in the wind and cold.

Patty Roach, Sally Coleman, Anne Caldwell and Susan Booker all won their singles matches against Liberty Wednesday, and the Roach-Coleman and Cowan-Booker teams were successful in the doubles competition, as well.

A powerful Brookville team handed the Raiderettes their second loss of the season Thursday, 6-3. Bright spots for the Raiderettes included number-one player Patty Roach's victory over Julie Cryder, Anne Caldwell's win against Tamara Whitt, and Michelle Ford's victory against Kim Marshall in singles competition.

The match was close all the way, with Coleman, Booker and Cowan all giving their Brookville opponents tough singles matches, and the Roach-Coleman, Caldwell-Ford and Cowan-Booker doubles teams also playing very close matches.

Friday's match with Rustburg was easier for the Raiderettes, with Coleman, Caldwell,Cowan, Ford and Booker all scoring singles victories for Appomattox. Lisa Roberts, Rustburg's number-one ranked player, scored the lone Lady Red Devil win, an 8-5 decision against Patty Roach.

The Raiderettes swept the doubles competition, but not easily. Roach and Coleman defeated Lisa Roberts and Coral Clinedinst 8-6, and Caldwell and Ford downed Rustburg's Stephanie Branham and Susan Hall, 8-5. Both matches were come-from-behind efforts for the Raiderette teams. In the third doubles match, Cowan and Dickerson of Appomattox defeated Bryant and Booth of Rustburg.

The Raiderettes were scheduled to play Seven Hills yesterday (Wednesday) at home. Today, the team will travel to Altavista for a match, and Friday, the team will play Jefferson Forest at Jefferson Forest.

Twilight tourney set

The first Couple's Twilight Golf Tournament of the season is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 1983.

This tournament will be captain's choice and tee-off time is 6:15 p.m.

A sign-up sheet is posted at the club for couples interested in participation in this tournament. There will be supper after play with awards being presented at that time.

If you have any questions concerning this "fun" tournament, please contact Doris Nash, Jackie Ballowe or Katurah McCormick.

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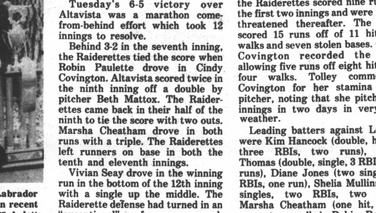

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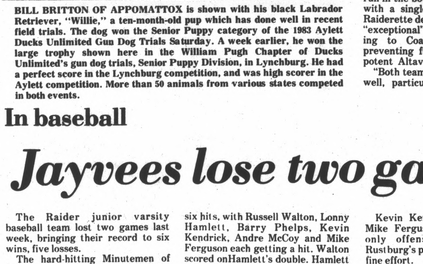

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Gagneur, Martin are married

The marriage of Miss Ramona Diane Gagneur, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman B. Gagneur of Appomattox, to Mr. Jeffrey Alan Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie R. Martin of Appomattox, took place Saturday, April 23, at three o'clock in the afternoon at the home of Kenneth and Janice Henderson, sister of the bride.

The Rev. John S. Martin, Jr., uncle of the groom, officiated along with Father Al Pierra, pastor of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Appomattox.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Mrs. Janice G. Henderson, sister of the bride, was matron of honor.

Mr. Martin was his son's best man.

Immediately following the ceremony, the parents of the bride entertained with a reception at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is presently employed with Int'l Circuit Technology of Lynchburg, Va.

The groom is a graduate of Appomattox County High School, and is presently serving with the U.S. Air Force.

In July the couple will move to Spain with the U.S. Air Force for three years.

Mrs. Jeffrey Alan Martin photo by Joe Vaughan

Wedding set

Ms. Jane S. Berryman of Sprouses Corner would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of Beverly A. Hart of Buckingham to Jessie F. Osborne of Appomattox.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, May 7 at 4 p.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Williams, officiating.

An informal reception will be held in the church fellowship hall immediately following the ceremony. All friends are cordially invited to attend.

Reunion planned

The annual Trent family reunion will be held Saturday, June 18 in Concord and the Lynchburg area.

Those family members who have not received a reunion registration letter may do so by contacting Mary Trent (993-2135) or Betty Hubbard (993-3380) in Concord; or, in Lynchburg, contact Louise Thornhill (846-6458) or Helen West (845-0258).

Tea honors Cheryl Conner

Miss Cheryl Conner was honored with a tea at two o'clock on Saturday, April 23, at Plain Run Manor.

Mrs. Brenda Chandler, hostess for the occasion, decorated with a color scheme of pale yellow and green and graced the table with an arrangement of spring tulips.

Invited guests were relatives and honor attendants of the bride and groom-elect.

Miss Conner was presented with a lace tablecloth and napkins from her hostess.

Club to meet

The Oakville Extension Homemakers will meet on May 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the Oakville School.

Anyone interested in joining may call Geraldine Marshall, president, at 352-8093.

The meeting is open to all people, regardless of race, color, creed, sex or age.

Miss Carter to marry

Mrs. Barbara Carter, of Norfolk, and Mr. Harold Carter of Appomattox, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter,Laura Ann, to Timothy W. Page, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Page of Appomattox.

Miss Carter is a graduate of Granby High School of Norfolk, and attended Tidewater Community College.

Mr. Page is a graduate of Appomattox County High School, and attended Central Virginia Community College.

A September wedding is planned. Invitations will be sent.

Laura Ann Carter

Mrs. Dean Paul Wieck

Franklin, Wieck marry

The marriage of Bridget Ann Franklin to Dean Paul Wieck took place Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in Norfolk, Virginia.

The bride is the daughter of Evant E. Franklin and Helen M. Franklin of Appomattox. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Gordon Wieck and Mrs. Jane Windross. The bridegroom was born in Marinette, Wisconsin.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and the bridegroom graduated from Marinette High School in Wisconsin.

The bridegroom just completed four years in the Navy as 2nd Class Hull Mainentance Technician.

The couple will reside in Norfolk.

AWC banquet planned

The Appomattox Woman's Club May banquet will be held on Monday, May 2, at the John Mosby Inn. The social hour will begin at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00.

Any member who has not made reservations may do so by calling Mrs. Dorothy Fedison of Mrs. Helen Anderson by Friday, April 29.

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